

Baldacci	Hill	Oberstar
Baldwin	Hilliard	Obey
Barcia	Hinchey	Oliver
Barrett	Hinojosa	Ortiz
Becerra	Hoeffel	Owens
Bentsen	Holden	Pallone
Berkley	Holt	Pascarell
Berman	Honda	Pastor
Berry	Hooley	Payne
Bishop	Hoyer	Pelosi
Blagojevich	Inslee	Peterson (MN)
Blumenauer	Israel	Phelps
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Borski	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Boswell	(TX)	Rahall
Boucher	Jefferson	Rangel
Boyd	John	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Brown (FL)	Jones (OH)	Rodriguez
Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Capps	Kaptur	Ross
Capuano	Kennedy (RI)	Rothman
Cardin	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Carson (IN)	Kilpatrick	Rush
Carson (OK)	Kind (WI)	Sabo
Clay	Klecza	Sanchez
Clayton	Kucinich	Sanders
Clement	LaFalce	Sandlin
Clyburn	Langevin	Sawyer
Condit	Lantos	Schakowsky
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
Coyne	Larson (CT)	Scott
Cramer	Lee	Serrano
Crowley	Levin	Sherman
Cummings	Lewis (GA)	Shows
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Skelton
Davis (FL)	Lofgren	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Lowe	Smith (WA)
DeFazio	Lucas (KY)	Snyder
DeGette	Luther	Solis
Delahunt	Lynch	Spratt
DeLauro	Maloney (CT)	Stark
Deutsch	Maloney (NY)	Stenholm
Dicks	Markey	Strickland
Dingell	Matheson	Stupak
Doggett	Matsui	Tauscher
Dooley	McCarthy (MO)	Taylor (MS)
Doyle	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
Engel	McDermott	Thurman
Eshoo	McGovern	Tierney
Etheridge	McIntyre	Towns
Evans	McNulty	Turner
Farr	Meehan	Udall (CO)
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Udall (NM)
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Velazquez
Ford	Menendez	Visclosky
Frank	Millender-McDonald	Waters
Frost	Miller, George	Watson (CA)
Gephardt	Mollohan	Watt (NC)
Gonzalez	Moore	Waxman
Gordon	Moran (VA)	Weiner
Green (TX)	Nadler	Wexler
Gutierrez	Napolitano	Woolsey
Hall (TX)	Neal	Wu
Harman		Wynn

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Aderholt	Hastings (FL)	Pickering
Baker	Hilleary	Pitts
Conyers	Lampson	Roukema
Deal	Mascara	Stump
Ehrlich	McKinney	Tanner
Gilman	Murtha	

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Mr. GORDON changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of House rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to present a question of privilege to the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

A resolution, in accordance with House Rule IX, expressing a sense of the House that its integrity has been impugned and Constitutional duty hampered by the inability of the House to bring to the floor H.R. 854, legislation that would promote the general welfare of the nation by protecting its health care system.

Whereas President George W. Bush has urged Congress to put Medicare on a “sustainable financial footing” in order to assure Americans of affordable and accessible health care.

Whereas the Administration has failed to take action to protect Medicare and Medicaid programs from severe cuts that threaten basic services to persons in need of health care.

Whereas the Medicaid program is facing significant cuts through reductions in the disproportionate share hospital program, threatening the very financial viability of the nation’s public hospitals.

Whereas the cuts made in order by the Balanced Budget Act were postponed until 2003 by the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act but without further congressional action cuts will be reimposed and have the potential to seriously cripple safety-net public health services in states across the nation.

Whereas, in addition to slashing payments to hospitals the Administration has also eliminated the UPL payments for hospitals, further weakening their ability to provide health care to the indigent and uninsured.

Whereas federal payments to states for this program have been reduced by approximately \$700 million in FY 2002 and will be reduced further by about \$900 million in FY 2003, thus severely restricting public hospitals’ ability to serve persons in need of health care.

Whereas the number of uninsured persons without access to health care has risen in the last year to 41.2 million.

Whereas by failing to act Congress imposes on the states and localities an undue burden to carry health care costs as well as abrogates its responsibility to maintain the general welfare of the country, bringing discredit to this Body and threatening the very well-being of the populace.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress should complete action on H.R. 854 or other provider reimbursement legislation before recessing and should insure that Medicare and Medicaid providers have appropriate funds to carry out their health care mandates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is appropriately noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at a time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask to be heard at the appropriate

time on the question of whether this resolution constitutes a question of privilege.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House rule IX, clause 1, I rise to give notice of my intent to present a question of privilege of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

TRANSPORTATION (AMTRAK) PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION

A resolution, in accordance with House Rule IX, expressing a sense of the House that its integrity has been impugned and Constitutional duty hampered by the inability of the House to bring to the floor the Fiscal Year 2003 Transportation Appropriations Act, due to the severe under funding of the National Passenger Rail Corporation (Amtrak) within the President’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Budget.

Whereas under Article I, Section IX, of the Constitution states no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by law.

Whereas it is the fiscal duty of the Congress to appropriate annually the funds needed to support the execution of the programs and operations of the Federal Government.

Whereas to date the House has only considered five Appropriations bills.

Whereas President George W. Bush has ignored the requests of Amtrak for an Appropriation of \$1.2 billion, and has instead proposed only \$521 million in funding.

Whereas the House Appropriations Committee gutted funding for Amtrak with every Republican member on the Committee voting to cut funding, despite the dire impact this will have on their own districts.

Whereas instead of strong support and consistent growth in support for the nation’s passenger rail system the President’s FY 2003 Budget seeks to strangle Amtrak so that the Administration can begin to implement plans to privatize the system.

Whereas Amtrak provided a critical transportation need in the months after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, and has seen consistent growth in ridership despite continued levels of inadequate funding.

Whereas Amtrak serves more than 500 stations in 46 states and employs over 24,000 people, and Amtrak passengers on Northeast corridor trains would fill 250 planes daily or over 91,000 flights each year.

Resolved that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the Congress should complete action on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Transportation Appropriations, with an allocation of \$1.2 billion for Amtrak.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Indiana will appear in the RECORD at this point.